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**RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
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Responsive to the final Office Action mailed June 4, 2002 (hereinafter "Office Action") and the Advisory Action mailed October 8, 2002, Applicants respectfully request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response was initially due September 4, 2002. A Notice of Appeal was filed and received by the U.S. Patent Office on September 10, 2002. Applicants herewith submit a Petition for a Four-month Extension of Time, extending the time to respond up to and including March 10, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter and petition for Extension of Time;
- Request for Continued Examination (RCE);

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